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OAKHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1968

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OAKHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

1968

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	2,250
Registrar General's estimate of population (mid-year) ..	6,460
Number of inhabited houses at end of 1968	2,073
Rateable Value at 31st December 1968	£210,957
Net product of a penny rate	£779

VITAL STATISTICS

		M	F	Total
Live Births:	Legitimate	53	63	116
	Illegitimate	6	7	13
Still Births:	Legitimate	-	-	-
	Illegitimate	-	-	-

				Eng. and Wales 1968
Live Birth Rate:	Crude	20.0	Corrected 20.0.	16.9
Death Rate:	"	11.0	" 7.0	11.9
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:	"	Nil		18.3

OAKDALE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

1968

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	2,250
Registrar General's estimate of population (mid-year) ..	[illegible]
Number of inhabited houses at end of 1968	2,070
Rateable Value at 31st December 1968	£210,370
Net product of a penny rate	£770

VITAL STATISTICS

		M	F	Total
Live Births:	Legitimate	53	63	116
	Illegitimate	6	7	13
Still Births:	Legitimate	-	-	-
	Illegitimate	-	-	-

Birth, and Death Rates 1968

Live Birth Rate:	Crude 20.0	Corrected 20.0.	16.9
Death Rate:	" 12.0	" 7.0	11.7
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:	- " Nil		13.3

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Males	Females
Malignant neoplasm - stomach	2	1
" " - lung, bronchus	3	-
" " - breast	-	1
Other malignant neoplasms	4	2
Diabetes mellitus	1	2
Anaemias	1	-
Other diseases of nervous system	-	1
Hypertensive disease	-	3
Ischaemic heart disease	6	2
Other forms of heart disease	6	6
Cerebrovascular disease	4	9
Other diseases of circulatory system	1	1
Influenza	1	-
Pneumonia	4	5
Bronchitis and Emphysema	1	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-
Other diseases, genito-urinary system	-	1
All other accidents	1	-
	36	35

LABORATORY FACILITIES

The following examinations of specimens from the area were carried out during the year at the Public Health Laboratory, Leicester.

Nose and throat swabs	11
Faeces	19

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Age distribution of Notified Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1968

Disease	Under 1	1 2	2 3	3 4	4 5	5 9	10 14	15 24	25 and over
Puerperal pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Meningococcal meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	1	2	2	-	-	-	-

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Other diseases of circulatory system	1	1
Influenza	1	-
Pneumonia	4	5
Bronchitis and Emphysema	1	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-
Other diseases, genito-urinary system	-	1
All other accidents	1	-
	30	22

LABORATORY FACILITIES

The following examinations of specimens from the area were carried out during the year at the Public Health Laboratory, Salisbury:

Stool and throat swabs	11
Sputa	19

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIONS AND OTHER DISEASES

Age Distribution of Notified Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1964

Disease	Under 1	1 - 2	2 - 3	3 - 4	4 - 5	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 24	25 and over
Puerperal pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Meningococcal meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	1	2	2	-	-	-	-

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water	Bacteriological		Chemical	
Number of Samples taken for Analysis:-	By U.D.	By Water Authority	By U.D.	By Water Authority
(a) from wells	-	-	-	-
(b) from piped supply	-	52	-	52
(c) at source of public supply	-	-	-	-
Results of Samples taken :-				
(a) from wells - unsatisfactory	-	-	-	-
satisfactory	-	-	-	-
(b) from piped supply - unsatisfactory	-	-	-	-
satisfactory	-	52	-	52

All the public supply sources are outside the Urban District.

The public supply was unrestricted throughout the year.

Leicester Corporation is responsible for the water supply.

Practically 100% of the houses and of the population of the Urban District are supplied. In a few cases the water is not laid into the houses. These are mainly in an area scheduled for re-development. There are no public stand-pipes but in 5 cases taps are shared.

Two good houses with satisfactory piped private supplies are the only ones not on the public supply. One could be connected to the main; it is expected that the main will be extended towards the other one.

The fluoride content of the water is less than 0.2 p.p.m. and the Council decided in 1963 that no objection be raised to any proposal for the addition of fluoride to the water supply.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

No extensions have been made to the sewers. No new private housing developments were commenced in the year.

At the end of 1968 12 houses were not connected to the main system but these are in isolated areas, including 4 farmhouses. One house will be capable of connection to the main sewer when development reaches the area and it is expected that this will occur during 1969.

Work on enlarging the sewage disposal works had not commenced at the end of the year, due mainly to the very severe weather conditions which prevailed at the time. A tender for the extensive enlargement was accepted by the Council and Ministerial consent and loan sanction was received. The work was scheduled to commence early in 1969. The Rutland County Council, as Planning Authority, continued to refuse permission to develop land and the principle reason for refusal was the inadequacy of the sewage disposal works.

The sewage from the villages of Barleythorpe and Egleton within the Oakham Rural District, is, by arrangement, also dealt with at the works of the Urban District Council.

Closet Accommodation

All the sanitary accommodation in the built-up area of the Urban District consists of water closets and there is, therefore, no nightsoil collection.

Public Cleansing

All the premises in Oakham have movable dustbins and the Council use an 18/22 cubic yard (compressing type) refuse collecting vehicle manned by a driver and four men. Generally a seven day cycle of collections is maintained but it is necessary to remark again, that, if the present rate of growth of Oakham continues, it will soon become necessary for additional staff and an extra vehicle to be provided. That this has not become necessary sooner reflects credit upon the collection team.

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SANITARY CHEMICAL ANALYSES IN THE AREA

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Number of Samples taken for analysis:-	By U.D.	By Water Authority	By U.D.	By Water Authority
(a) from wells	-	-	-	-
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(c) at source of public supply	-	-	-	-
Results of Samples taken :-				
(a) from wells - unsatisfactory	-	-	-	-
satisfactory	-	-	-	-
(b) from piped supply - unsatisfactory	-	-	-	-
satisfactory	-	52	-	52

All the public supply sources are outside the Urban District.

The public supply was uninterrupted throughout the year.

Lisnagade Corporation is responsible for the water supply.

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Two good houses with satisfactory piped private supplies are the only ones not on the public supply. One could be connected to the mains; it is expected that the main will be extended towards the other one.

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Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

No extensions have been made to the sewers. No new private housing developments were commenced in the year.

At the end of 1958 12 houses were not connected to the main system but these are in isolated areas, including 4 farmhouses. The issue will be capable of connection to the main sewer when development reaches the area and it is expected that this will occur during 1959.

Work on enlarging the sewage disposal works had not commenced at the end of the year, due mainly to the very severe weather conditions which prevailed at the time. A tender for the extensive arrangement was accepted by the Council and Ministerial consent at a lower amount was received. The work was scheduled to commence early in 1959. The Rural District Council, as Planning Authority, continued to refuse permission to develop land and the principle reason for refusal was the inadequacy of the sewage disposal works.

The sewage from the villages of Ballyshannon and Kilten within the Oughtna Rural District, i.e. by arrangement, also dealt with at the works of the Urban District Council.

Climate Accommodation

All the sanitary accommodation in the built-up area of the Urban District consists of water closets and there is, therefore, no nightsoil collection.

Refuse Disposal

All the problem in Oughtna have novelty. Everything and the Council use an 18/22 cubic yard (compressing type) refuse collecting vehicle manned by a driver and four men. Generally a spare by cycle of collectors is maintained but it is necessary to remark again, that, at the present rate of growth of Oughtna continues, it will soon become necessary for additional staff and an extra vehicle to be provided. That this has not been necessary another reflects credit upon the collection team.

Public Cleansing (continued)

Refuse disposal is by controlled tipping in a disused ironstone quarry 6 miles from the town between Wing and Morcott. A new tip was commenced during the year and this has resulted in better control as indiscriminate tipping has been discouraged by locking the tip when not in use. The adverse weather during Autumn and early Winter made conditions at the tip deplorable for working. The Council hired equipment to carry out controlled tipping and at the end of the year were considering purchasing a tracked vehicle for tip use.

It was expected that at least one of the other District Councils in Rutland would wish to use the tip for refuse disposal in the near future.

Smoke

The burning of refuse, (paper, leather cuttings etc.) at a shoe factory gave rise to complaint at various times and endeavours were directed towards stopping this practice.

There are no industrial chimneys in the district.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no Common Lodging Houses in the district.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The particulars given under this heading are for all purposes including particulars given elsewhere in this Report.

Total number of complaints received 64 (including 42 of rats and mice)

Total number of defects or nuisances discovered arising out of complaints 70 (" " " " " ")

This does not include oral complaints which are usually dealt with immediately.

Nature of Inspection	No. of Inspections and Re-visits
Dwelling houses (all purposes)	420
Tents, Vans, etc.	3
Food Premises	56
Dairies	2
Offensive Trades	-
Animal keeping	2
Factories, etc.	40
Shops and offices	25
Other premises	27

The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act is resulting in much improvement to sanitary provisions in those types of premises.

NOTICES

Preliminary	Housing	Other
Outstanding on 1st January 1968	4	-
Issued during the year	11	4
Complied with during year	13	3
Outstanding 31st December 1968	2	1
Statutory		
Outstanding on 1st January 1968	2*	-
Issued during the year	-	-
Complied with during year	-	-
Outstanding 31st December 1968	2*	-

* These outstanding cases relate to Demolition Orders where action is not complete, but the premises concerned were not occupied at the end of the year.

Defects or Nuisances

Most of the work is done by letter, interview or telephone, and few formal notices, either preliminary or statutory, are used.

Public Cleansing (continued)

Refuse disposal is by controlled tipping in a disused brickfield quarry 6 miles from the town between Wing and Forrett. A new tip was commenced during the year and once has resulted in further contract as traditionally the tipping has been discouraged by locating the tip when not in use. The adverse weather during August and early Winter made conditions at the tip dangerous for working. The Council hired equipment to carry out controlled tipping and at the end of the year were considering purchasing a tracked vehicle for tip use.

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The burning of refuse, (paper, leather scrapings etc.) at a shoe factory gave rise to complaint at various times and deputations were directed towards stopping this practice.

There are no industrial nuisances in the district.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no Common Lodging Houses in the district.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

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Total number of complaints received 84 (including 42 of rats and mice)

Total number of defects or nuisances discovered arising out of complaints 70 (" " " " ")

This does not include oral complaints which are usually dealt with immediately.

Nature of Inspection	No. of Inspections and Re-visits
Dwelling Houses (all purposes)	420
Rents, Rates, etc.	-
Food Premises	35
Factories	2
Offensive Trades	-
Canal Barges	2
Factories, etc.	40
Shops and offices	25
Other premises	27

The Officer, along with Sanitary Inspectors has to be prepared to spend sufficient as sanitary provisions in these type of premises.

NOTICES

Pre-Sanitary	Statutory	Other
Outstanding on 1st January 1968	4	-
Issued during the year	12	4
Complied with during year	13	3
Outstanding 31st December 1968	2	1

Statutory		
Outstanding on 1st January 1968	-	-
Issued during the year	-	-
Complied with during year	-	-
Outstanding 31st December 1968	-	-

* These correspond many points to Council's Orders where action is not complete, but the previous requisitions were not complied at the end of the year.

Defects or Nuisances

Most of the work is done by letter, interview or telephone, and few formal notices, either preliminary or statutory, are made.

CONTROL OF RATS

The Council has a contract with Ratsouris Ltd. for rat control. All complaints were promptly dealt with and at the end of the year there was little evidence of rats in the town.

SWIMMING POOLS AND POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

An open-air swimming bath owned by Oakham School Trustees is hired by the Council during the summer holidays and opened to public use, the Council providing attendants etc. The bath has a pressure filter and chlorinator which works most of the time while the bath is in public use.

Eight inspections were made during the season.

A modern indoor pool at the Vale of Catmose Village College is made available for use by various organizations during school terms and out of school hours.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply

At the end of the year there were three distributors and a milk vending machine and three premises registered. Eight inspections of premises and vehicles were made.

No action was found necessary under Regulation 20 - Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959.

Ice-Cream

No ice-cream is now made in Oakham, but seventeen premises are registered for its sale.

Meat Shops, Meat Stores, etc.

Number of inspections 18

There is no slaughterhouse in the Urban District.

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part

Whole carcases condemned - None

Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned - None

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

Premises subject to the Regulations are as follows :-

	No.	Complying with Reg. 16.	No. to which Reg. 19 applies	Complying with Reg. 19.
Butchers	6	6	6	6
Fishmonger	1	1	1	1
Grocers	10	10	10	10
Bread and Con.	4	4	2	2
Hotels and Licensed Premises	12	12	12	12
Works Canteens	2	2	2	2
School kitchens	4	4	4	4
Restaurants	3	3	3	3
Dairy Shop, etc.	1	1	1	1
Greengrocers	4	4	-	-

Four contraventions were found and were remedied.

There is a busy street market on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Some of the stalls sell vegetables, fruit and other foods. It has rarely been found necessary to draw attention to breaches of the Regulations and the stall holders are generally ready to comply.

Premises Registered Under Food and Drugs Act, 1955 Section 16 for

Preparation of Sausages, Potted Meats and Meat Pies	-	6
Preparation and sale of Fish and Chips	-	1

Disposal of Condemned Food

The following foods were voluntarily surrendered as unfit :-

Tinned fruit	80 lbs.
Cream	24 fl. ozs.
Tinned fish	6½ lbs.
Frozen vegetables	70 lbs.
Frozen pies	17 lbs.
Frozen fish	48¾ lbs.
Frozen and Tinned Meat	58¼ lbs.
Bacon	417 lbs.
Meat	154 lbs.
Ice-cream	390 fl. ozs.
Fruit juice	72 fl. ozs.

HOUSING

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made :-	Nil
Closing Orders made :-	-
Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition or Clearance Orders :-	Nil
Demolished without necessity of Demolition Order :-	Nil
Occupied houses with operative Demolition or Closing Orders :-	-

Two houses were closed as a result of informal action pending purchase by the Council for redevelopment. No cases of overcrowding were known at the end of the year.

At the 31st December, 1968 there were 269 applicants for Council houses, of which 87 were Oakham residents and the remaining 182 were from outside the district. Many of these latter work in Oakham.

Early in the year, and due to the economic situation, the Council decided that development of the Cold Overton Road, Phase II site, should be postponed. This cessation of building Council houses has resulted in the increase of numbers on the waiting list for houses.

During the year, 34 applicants were rehoused.

At the 31st December, the Council owned 571 houses and flats, 10 temporary bungalows and 23 old houses in the Westgate area of the town. Included in this latter figure are 8 which are unoccupied and are eventually to be demolished for redevelopment.

All the Council's pre-war houses, 95 in number, have hot water systems and washbasins, some have internal W.C.'s.

A small area in the Finkey Street/Dean Street/Northgate area has been declared an 'Improvement Area'. The scheme has not been entirely successful as many of the tenants are old and unwilling to be disturbed. Persuasion is slowly bringing voluntary improvements and it is hoped that when the new Housing Act comes into force, this may stimulate interest in improvements if the Council can improve amenities in the area.

The proposed redevelopment in the centre of the improvement area, consisting of 12 old peoples' flats, with central boiler house, was delayed. Many discussions with the Ministry of Housing and Local Government with relation to the "Cost Yardstick" took place and at the end of the year the Council was advised by the Ministry to obtain tenders for the work.

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HOUSING

In various parts of the town, improvement grants have been made.

Eleven Standard Grants were approved in 1968, and of these, six were completed within the year, together with six which had received approval in 1967. These twelve improved properties resulted in 12 baths, 12 wash basins, 12 hot water systems, 11 internal W.C.'s and 7 foodstores being provided.

The following table shows new house completions in the last ten years :-

Year	Houses completed other than by the Council	Council Houses	Total
1959	2	-	2
1960	3	21	24
1961	15	21	36
1962	17	63	80
1963	38	8	46
1964	74	1	75
1965	93	6	99
1966	114	22	136
1967	152	77	229
1968	146	-	146
TOTAL	654	219	873

APPENDIX

Factories Act, 1961

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

I - INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provision as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector).

Premises (1)	No. on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections. (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	5	6	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	35	28	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' Premises)	6	6	-	-
TOTAL :-	46	40	-	-

II - CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	No. of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness	5	5	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences:-					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)					
TOTAL :-	6	6	-	-	-

APPENDIX

Factories Act, 1950

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1950

PART I OF THE ACT

I - INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provision as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector).

Particulars (1)	No. on Register (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Complaints Attended (5)
(i) Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	5	6	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	39	28	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' Premises)	6	6	-	-
TOTAL :-	46	40	-	-

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Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Insufficient drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences:-					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)					
TOTAL :-	6	6	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(SECTIONS 133 AND 134)

Nature of Work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel making, etc.	19	-	-	-	-	-
Plastic and Plastic articles	21	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL :-	40	-	-	-	-	-